

(e) the time by which the commercial production of these vaccines are likely to be started to make the same available in the market for sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (e). Scientists are making efforts to produce newer/ innovative vaccines which are inexpensive and with less adverse reactions for control/ eradication of diseases like Leprosy, Japanese Encephalitis, Malaria, AIDS, Rabies, KFD etc. There is, however, no information about development of any vaccine against epilepsy.

Studies are being carried out both in India and abroad to conduct field trial of the new vaccines as and when developed. Commercial production of the vaccines can start only after the efficacy and safety of the vaccines are established.

[Translation]

Ex-servicemen

1360. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the schemes in operation for the welfare of ex-servicemen;

(b) whether various State Governments and Public Sector Undertakings are following the reservation policy in various employments for the ex-servicemen;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to make the soldier welfare boards more effective;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to increase the pension of Ex-servicemen; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) Central Public Sector undertakings provide 14.5 percent reservation in Group 'C' and 24.5 percent reservation in Group 'D' posts to ex-Servicemen. Barring the States of Bihar, Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya and Uttar Pradesh, all other State Governments have made varying percentage of reservation for ex-Servicemen.

(c) The State Governments have been requested to implement the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Standardisation and revitalisation of the Departments of Sainik Welfare in the States/Union Territories.

(d) and (e). Government have set up the Fifth Central Pay Commission. The terms of reference of the Pay Commission inter-alia include examination of the existing pension structure of Central Government

employees including Armed Forces Personnel and to make recommendations relating thereto which may be desirable and feasible.

STATEMENT

The important welfare schemes for ex-Servicemen are as under :-

- (i) Ex-Servicemen are provided free medical treatment in the Military Hospitals.
- (ii) Ex-Servicemen suffering from serious diseases are given financial assistance equal to 60% of the total expenditure, for treatment in Civil hospitals and have not availed similar assistance from other sources
- (iii) Ex-Servicemen can avail of Canteen facilities from the nearest CSD canteens.
- (iv) Children of Defence Personnel killed or permanently disabled in action who are studying in institutions under the Department of Education, are granted complete exemption from tuition fee and other fee levied by the institution.
- (v) Reservation of 25 seats in MBBS and one seat in BDS have been made for the wards of Ex-Servicemen killed or disabled in action or during peace time due to attributable causes.
- (vi) Two seats in each of the six IITs are reserved for children of the Defence/para Military Forces personnel killed or permanently disabled in action.
- (vii) Twenty five percent seats are reserved for wards of serving and retired Armed Forces personnel in Sainik Schools.
- (viii) 50% concession is provided in air fare for travel in domestic flight of Indian Airlines to recipients of gallantry awards of Param Vir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra, Ashok Chakra & Kirti Chakra; permanently disabled officers and dependent members of their families; and to the war widows of post Independent era.
- (ix) 75% concession in rail fare for travel in II class is available to war widows.
- (x) 35 War memorial hostels have been constructed to provide accommodation to wards of war bereaved and disabled personnel to enable them to pursue their studies. Kendriya Sainik Board also provides education grant to the children staying in these hostels.

- (xi) Financial assistance is provided from Raksha Mantri's Discretionary fund to old and infirm ex-Servicemen and their widows in indigent circumstances.
- (xii) 238 Sainik Bhawans/Rest Houses spread all over the country have been established for ex-Servicemen.

2. In addition, various State Governments are also providing a number of facilities/concession to ex-Servicemen.

[English]

Bye-Pass on N.H. No.31

1361. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of work completed till date in respect of construction of Falataka to Pundibari Bye-pass road on National Highway No. 31 and bridge on river Torsha; and

(b) the time by which the remaining work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) The progress of Falakata-Pundibari Bypass Road on National Highway No.31 and bridge on river Torsha as on 31.3.96 is as follows :-

Bypass Road	40%
Torsha Bridge	45%

The target date of completion is March, 1998.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kerala

1362. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :
SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal for setting up of new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kerala during 1996-97 academic year;

(b) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas to be sanctioned during 1996-97;

(c) the places identified for setting up of such Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(d) the time schedule if any, for completion of the job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). No. Kendriya Vidyalaya has been sanctioned during 1996-97 in Kerala.

ASI Museum

1363. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is not a single site museum of ASI in the North & Eastern States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any indepth survey/excavations were under-taken at places like Pragjyotishpur (Guwahati) and Sibsagar in the recent past;

(d) if not, whether the Government propose to do so; and

(e) the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is no site museum of ASI in the North-Eastern States.

(b) ASI establishes site museums where large scale excavations are conducted and good amount of antiquities are found. These relics are preserved alongwith the excavated remains near the site.

(c) The Department of Archaeology, Government of Assam, have conducted excavation at Ambari in Guwahati in recent past. The excavations have revealed ancient settlements having structures and historical antiquities. In Sibsagar explorations have been conducted by the State Department of Archaeology in the recent past.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

Allocation for Roads

1364. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that allocation of funds for road network in the country has been on decline;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the Eight Five Year Plan;

(c) whether Government propose to enhance allocation for road network in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). The Central Government is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. The roads, other than National Highways, fall within the jurisdiction of respective State Governments. As regards National Highways, the allocation of funds for development as a